

SENATE BILL 2598

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to student athletes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated part:

§ 49-6-____. No public school student shall participate in interscholastic sports in any school year unless the student signs a pledge not to use anabolic steroids, as defined in 21 U. S. C. § 802, without a prescription from a licensed health care practitioner or any other prohibited performance-enhancing substance enumerated by the United States Anti-Doping Agency Guide to Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods of Doping. The parent or guardian of such student shall sign a notification form acknowledging these restrictions before the student participates in interscholastic sports.

§ 49-6-____. Before a public school student participates in interscholastic sports in any school year, an LEA shall provide the student with instruction on the harmful effects associated with the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing substances. Such instruction may be provided by a video presentation specifically designed for school athletes by the department of education, the LEA or an organization such as the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.